

Bagley Public Utilities  
Commissioners Meeting  
November 15, 2023

Chairman Thomas Lillegaard called to order the regular meeting of the Bagley Public Utilities Commission on November 15, 2023 at 10:00am. Also present for the meeting were Commissioners Dennis Merschman and Stuart Lien, and managers Bill Masterson and Vicky Fletcher.

Merschman made a motion and Lien seconded to approve the minutes as written for the regular board meeting held October 11, 2023. Motion carried.

Motion made by Lien to approve the October 2023 expenditures as listed. Merschman seconded and motion carried.

Invoices payable in November 2023 were presented and reviewed. Lien moved to approve payment of November 2023 bills with second made by Merschman. Motion carried.

Fletcher requested BPU Board approve Reierson Pay App #7 for \$932,041.35, to concur with City Council action taken at meeting on October 25, 2023. Motion by Merschman and second by Lien to approve Reierson Pay App #7. Motion carried.

Motion made by Merschman to approve Draw #10 for \$947,588.38 from MRWA interim financing loan funds, to cover invoices for Reierson (Pay App #7), Karvakko Engineering, and American Engineering & Testing. City Council approved the draw request at October 25, 2023 meeting, as well as transfer of \$114,767.82 to Water & Sewer Account for payment of ineligible expenses for project. Motion seconded by Lien and carried.

Masterson reported on status of Water/Sewer project. The paving for Phase I was not completed as scheduled, therefore several streets will be in poor condition until spring, and the Contractor accumulated several late days for construction. Bagley will need to address issue on assessing liquidated damages to contractor. City Council discussed issue with Mike Karvakko, Karvakko Engineering, and Stephen Larson, City attorney, at Council meeting on November 8, 2023. Larson advised Council that no decision is necessary at this time but to keep option open to assess the fees in future. Karvakko and Masterson will discuss issue with Reierson in effort to reach agreement.

Masterson updates:

- The next three projects of Water and Sewer Project, as revised after combining Phase II and Phase III, are still on schedule to be out for bid in January 2024.
- BPU received equipment from Frontier for mapping and GIS locating, waiting for software to be updated with BPU data and loaded.

Board reviewed financial reports for September 2023.

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Masterson updated Board on retransmission negotiations.

With no further business to come before the Commission, a motion was made by Merschman, seconded by Lien, and carried to adjourn the meeting.

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Thomas Lillegaard, Chairman

Attest:

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Vicky Fletcher, Business Manager